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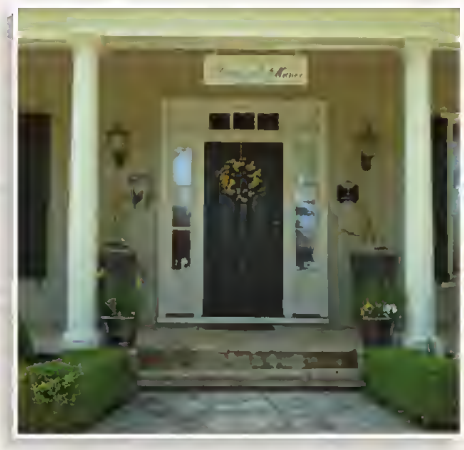

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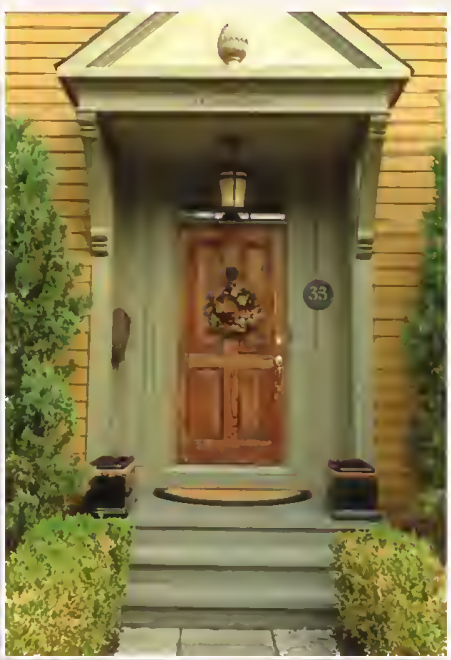

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Kim Mitchell fulfilled his rock 'n' roll duty in Virgil on Friday, May 16, by bringing in a wild party crowd of 1,700. Mitchell's concert was the kick-off to the annual Virgil Stampede. Jennifer Chornley Special to the Advance

Kim Mitchell fulfills Virgil's rock 'n' roll duty

Organizer pleased with attendance of about 1,700 concert-goers

Jennifer Chornley
Special to the Advance

Kim Mitchell brought the wild party into Virgil to kick off the Virgil Stampede on Friday.

About 1,700 people attended the event. Phil Leboudec, vice-president of the Virgil Business Association (VBA) was very pleased with the turnout, despite people's uncertainty of the weather and how soggy the grounds were going to be.

"For anyone who missed the concert, it was unbelievable," he said. "Kim Mitchell didn't disappoint."

He continued to say, "We are happy we were able to pull this off, especially since this was something that has never been done before by the VBA."

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Above, Kim Mitchell salutes the audience at the Virgil Stampede. Left, Mitchell performs a song with Kid Mitchell. Jennifer Chornley Special to the Advance

VBA members have already expressed willingness to organize another concert

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Leboudec extended thanks to the volunteers from the Niagara-on-the-Lake Kinsmen Club, and the Lions Clubs from Niagara-on-the-Lake and St. Davids. He also complimented committee members, the "invaluable" Marcia Penner, secretary of the VBA, Cory Abt, Paolo Miele, Patrick Darte, Taylor Lawson and VBA President Richard Wall.

He also acknowledged the town and its staff, including the lord mayor, council, the fire department and public works, were very supportive of the group's efforts to ensure a successful event.

Leboudec was especially pleased with how the event was organized from a logistical standpoint. Due to its inaugural success, members from the VBA have already expressed a willingness to organize another concert event.

"We went into organizing this event with a cautious focus, creating a model of one that is doable, which it was," he said. "Also, this event showed it could be done safely and responsibly."

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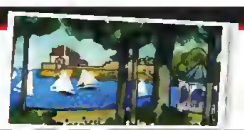

Did you know that April housing data from the Canadian Real Estate Association shows that prices are strong even though sales have been slowing? Average prices are up about 6% year-over-year while unit volume rose about 2%. BMO economist Benjamin Reitzes said, "Prices continue to rise despite cooling activity, reflecting relatively tight supply in major markets. Pricing tends to lag sales, so we could see prices come under mild pressure toward the middle of the year."

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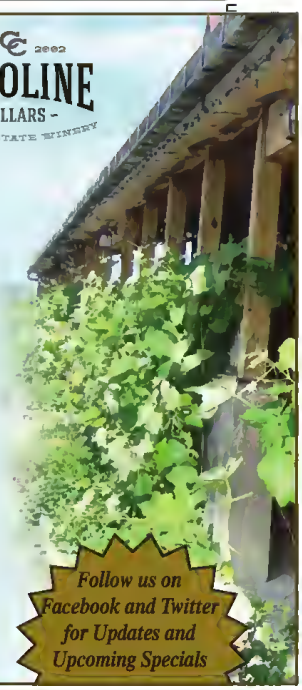

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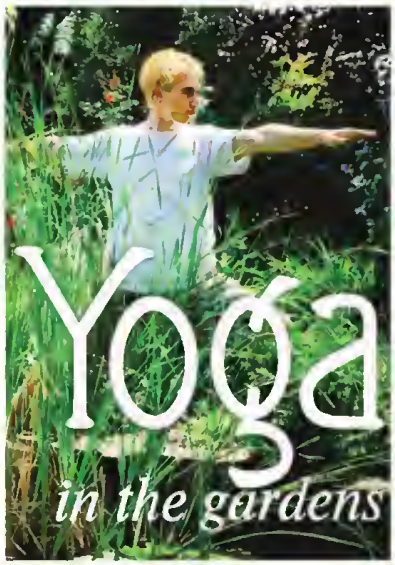

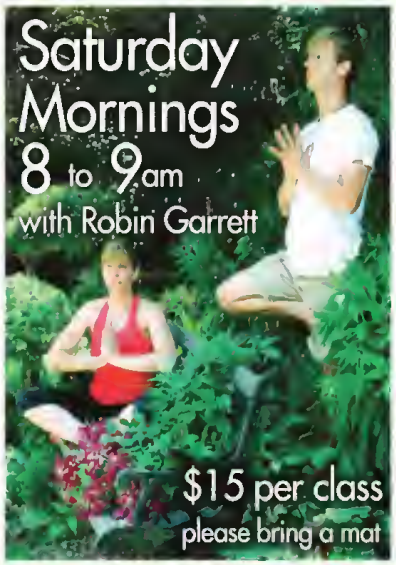

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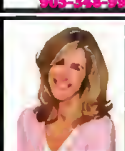

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Only complaints were about the weather

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With this in mind, Leboudec stated that if the group decides to move forward with future fundraising concerts the date factor will be discussed, especially since the May long weekend tends to be inconsistent weatherwise.

Leboudec received plenty of positive comments from attendees, "the only complaint was the cold weather, but unfortunately I can't control that."

Also, for Leboudec, this was a great opportunity to bring the community together and offer a family-friendly event, instead of the concerts that are geared to attract a high volume of out-of-towners. The "family-friendly" concept is one of the core principals the VBA strives for when organizing event such as this Leboudec says, especially since many of the business owners and operators also have families.

Joe Pillitteri emceed the event, with Mike Dickson and James Brown opening with an acoustic act.

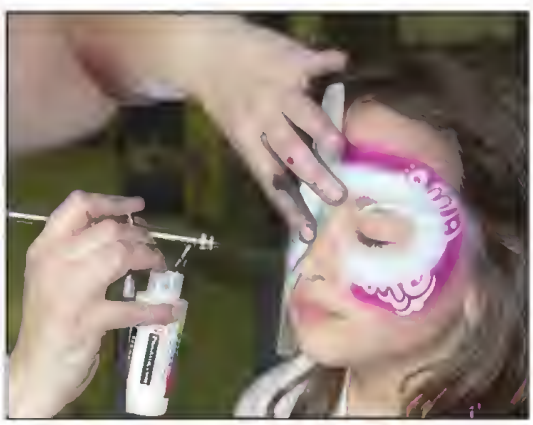
The "Kid" Mitchell band really got the party rock 'n' rolling by performing many fan-favourites including ones from Guns 'N' Roses, Billy Joel, AC/DC, Boston and a cover of Kim Mitchell's Rock N Roll Duty. "They were unbelievable," Leboudec said.

Between 7,000 to 10,000 people attend the Virgil Stampede every year, with this being the third year it's been open on Sunday.

Jennifer Chornley Special to the Advance

Larissa Readman revs up the bottom of the mud bog pit during the C-Class race. She plowed her way through winning top spot in the competition.

Tyler Holowachuk poses for a photo by caricature artist Joe Rosianna. The caricature display was part of the Kids' Pavillion provided by Rainbow Entertainment and sponsored by Phil's Valu-Mart.



Olivia Harlan-Farisco has her face painted by artist Carrie-Anne McIsaac. Face-painting was just one of many highlights throughout the weekend.

Things that go bump

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Children drive their bumper cars at the Virgil Stampede. Between 7,000 to 10,000 people attend the Stampede every year, with this being the third year it's been open on Sunday.

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our editorial

Booze and water don't mix

Operating a boat under the influence of alcohol is the same as operating a motor vehicle under the influence. The fines are the same. And your fine is processed through the same court system.

And yet how many people who own and operate boats will take along some booze this weekend while cruising our region's lakes and rivers? Most would never consider having an open bottle of beer on their person while driving their vehicle to the marina or boat ramp.

It's an issue that strikes at the heart of boat safety, especially after this weekend as the official start of summer was launched.

Indeed, the Canadian Safe Boating Council on Saturday is launching its annual Safe Boating Awareness Week, in an effort to reach out to Canada's estimated 16 million recreational boaters.

The Council has five key messages it wants to impress upon boaters, and while wearing a life jacket is No. 1, their second message is to avoid alcohol Meanwhile, OPP and local police services are issuing the usual warnings about safety on the water, but a central theme is alcohol.

The bottom line is that booze and water just don't mix. Indeed, those who drink alcohol and operate a boat can be charged with impaired operation of a vessel under the Criminal Code of Canada if their blood alcohol level exceeds 80 mg of alcohol per 100 ml of blood.

The consequences can be severe. Those convicted of an alcohol-related offence while operating a boat can also face a significant increase to their insurance, and might even lose their licence to operate a car.

And there's also the risk of civil liability.

But even if you're not drinking this weekend while out on your boat, there are other safety considerations to keep in mind. As noted by the Safe Boating Council, boaters are required by law in Ontario to equip their vessel with mandatory equipment such as life jackets, flares, fire extinguishers, an anchor, sound signaling device, hand pump, buoyant heaving line, and navigation lights.

Other advice from the Safe Boating Council is for boaters to take a boating course, to be prepared while on the water, and to be aware of the dangers associated with cold water immersion.

A spokesperson with the Safe Boating Council says over 80% of the people who drown while boating are not wearing a life jacket. Moreover, alcohol is a factor in 40% of boating fatalities.

And so alcohol can be as dangerous on our lakes and rivers as it is on our roads and highways.

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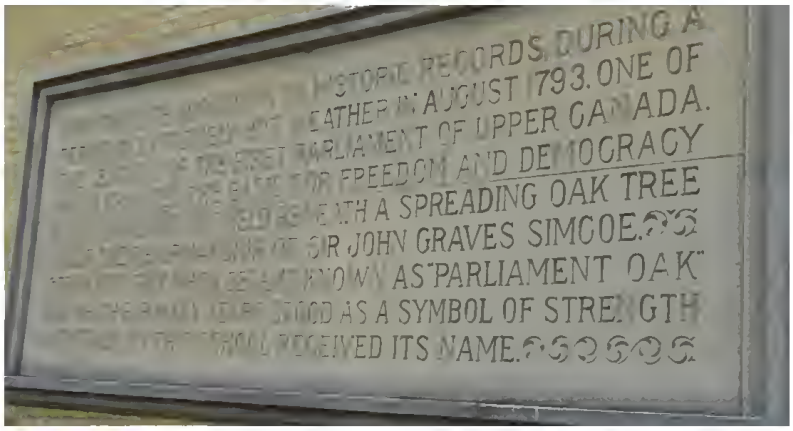


Submitted photo

The inscription on the front wall of Parliament Oak School.

letters to the editor

The Barbarians are at the gate

Readers are kindly invited to examine the accompanying photograph. It shows the inscription on the front wall of Parliament Oak School. It is to be noted that the word "Democracy" stands out clearly – an ethic which has been sadly lacking from the recent activities of the staff and the Trustees of the DSBN. In the event that the school is eventually demolished, the inscription will almost certainly be destroyed with it. Despite its' large size, it is carved from just two monolithic slabs of sandstone. How will it survive the wreckers' ball? And to make matters worse, the Barbarians in question are on our payroll!

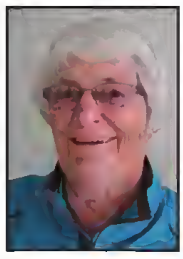
Just a few weeks ago, the then Premier of Alberta, Alison Redford, was obliged to resign her office because of what voters considered to be extravagant spending. The straw which broke the camels' back was public money she spent to attend Nelson Mandela's funeral. And that was a small fraction of the sums which the DSBN have swept under the rug in the present case. The Trustees of the DBSN would do well to review a piece which appeared in the Globe & Mail the day after Redfords' resignation. The thrust of the piece was that it is a common weakness of elected officials to forget that they are elected to SERVE those who have elected them and not the other way around.

I have said before, and I say again – DSBN Trustees – we deserve better of you.

David Hepburn

Thanks to Niagara Rangers for donation

We hope you all enjoyed the lovely weekend, finally some sunshine and warmth. Thanks to Niagara Rangers for the donation of food, also to Christ Church McNab for the groceries and to St George's Homer for their contribution of food and clothing.We really appreciate their continuing support of this community organisation,which has been in existance for over 40 years.



Barbara Ahluwalia
Newark Neighbours

Are there any unused bicycles hiding your garages, garden sheds and basements and barns? We often get requests for bikes, but we haven't any at the moment, and they are the main mode of transportation for our off-shore workers.

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Did you join the rush for plants on the weekend?

Jean Cochrane
Happy Gardening

One thing about me - when I 'blow it' I do it with both barrels! As a friend pointed out to me - the Chickadees stay here all winter, now I could blame my age, but my friend is older than me! My apologies.

Did you join the rush for plants on the weekend?

It was good gardening weather, but it was of course Stampede weekend — all three days, so we had to adjust, after all for so many years we had worked it all out — if it poured on the Saturday it would be nice on the Monday, or vice-versa! It was great that they got good weather — at least up to the time of writing!

I got some of my planters done. I use compost then as the summer progresses I use "time release" fertilizer, simply because I do not always get the timing right!

Now just a reminder — if you had the Impatience with the "Downy Mildew" problem last year DO NOT plant any there for the next FIVE years.

I thought it wonderful that there was a flyer in last weeks Advance showing plants and explaining "The Thriller, The Filler" and The Spiller," the three main components for a planter, as we were taught by Beckie Fox, at our fundraisers for the "Daffodil Gardens of Hope" — they may have been late but they looked wonderful.

My flowering Crabapple tree is just perfect just now, but I am surprised at how large it is. It is wonderful to look out at.

Now "just in case" we hit a dry spell and you need to water, remember it is the roots that need the water.

Yes at last we can get busy. Happy Gardening.

Submitted photo

The flowering Crabapple tree is just perfect just now.

letters to the editor

Why is the Town so scared of going to the OMB?

Attendance at the recent Town Hall meeting was very low. Perhaps it was because the many people who had gone to the meeting in November (extra chairs had to be found) were disappointed.

I saw Martin Mazza shortly after and told him people came away with the impression that the Town Council does nothing.

There were so many questions and four categories of answers: We can't do anything, it's a regional issue; it's a provincial issue, we'll ask senior staff and some were answered. It wasn't senior staff but Jim Collard who researched an answer to one of my questions.

By the way, One Mile Creek is finally flowing as it used to before it was diverted to build the second winery on John Street. I sat next to Laura Dodson in 2006 when that town council promised there would never be another winery on John Street. How times change.

I received no answer to my question about the ComFree sale status of the old Lawn Bowling Club. Questions about the Dock Area were also unanswered.

The majority of questions were about Anne Street. I doubt people at the meeting are going to be satisfied with "the compromise."

Why is the Town so scared of going to the Ontario Municipal Board? Aren't we the wealthiest and therefore pay more regional taxes than any other municipality in the Region? And we can't afford to fight builders who threaten to go to the OMB?

Well, there's an election coming up soon. I hope the candidates will give us their stands on historic preservation issues in this town.

Elizabeth Masson

Residents of Queenston could tell you a thing or two

Letter to the editor on line Advance: Re: article "Ask and you shall receive"

The truth of the matter is that the posting for a liquor licence (at Melville Street office) for Mr. Kenny's newest theme park boat, was done in mid winter when people rarely go down to the dock, and, as of about a year ago the Liquor and Gaming Commission stopped the requirement for ads to be placed in newspapers, hence no one read about the application in our local papers. And , the deal between Parks Canada for a takeover of public space involves all the potential for problems cited by Mr. Howe e.g. rowdy parties on the water until 11 p.m. where sound travels to homes nearby and even much further away, and who knows what later.

It's too bad you didn't think to talk to the people who have to live with this many-tentacled venture that has all but taken over the river.

The residents of the little Village of Queenston could tell you a thing or two about the thousands who take the jet boat there; the big, smelly, and very noisy buses etc. etc. And, the people of the dock area could explain that their peace and quiet has been rudely broken by thousands of people — 85,000 as of 2008 season — and a variety of noise and parking infractions of the Jet Boat's lease agreement with the town..

Gracia Janes

Travelling the new roundabout

Thank you Niagara Region for publishing such detailed instructions for me to follow as I travel the new Roundabout. I will be sure to tape the four steps to my dashboard and review as I travel through. This will surely mean diverting my eyes from the road but I don't want to miss any of the detailed steps I should be taking. Perhaps you can further help me understand how this roundabout is going to ease the flow of traffic from Line 2 through Virgil and in to the Old Town area. I haven't quite got that one figured out yet. I'm sure I'll have lots of time to ponder it as I sit on Niagara Stone Road throughout the summer.

Marlene Penner

No concert in NOTL this summer, group announces

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

There will be no major concert in Niagara-on-the-Lake this summer. Elliott Lefko of AEG Live says his group decided to take a year off, after doing two "highly successful" events at Butler's Barracks.

"We hope to be back in 2015," he said.

The first major concert featured the the Tragically Hip and was attended by more than 17,000 people.

It raised about $65,000 for Parks Canada, which partnered with AEC to present the event, tied in to Canada Day.

Last year, a Dallas Green City and Colour concert drew almost as big a crowd and again raised about $60,000 for Parks Canada.

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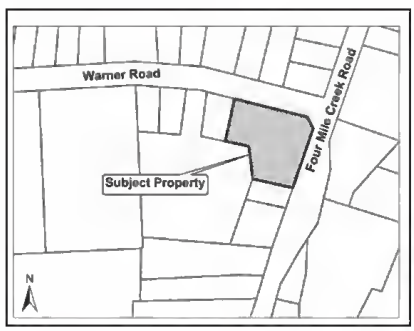
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
214 Four Mile Creek Road
Zoning Amendment

PROPOSED CHANGE
To rezone to permit a country inn.



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PUBLIC MEETING
Date: June 16, 2014
Time: 7:00 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter
Place: Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake
Administration Offices
Council Chambers
1593 Four Mile Creek Road, Virgil, Ontario

WRITTEN SUBMISSION
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MORE INFORMATION
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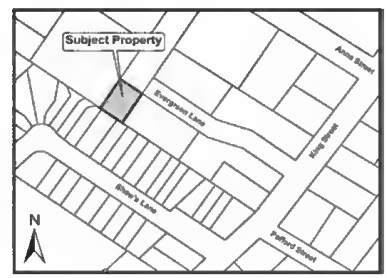
Dated at the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake this 22nd day of May 2014

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
Lot 17 & 18, Evergreen Lane
Zoning Amendment

PROPOSED CHANGE
To rezone to permit semi-detached units.



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Butler's Barracks in Niagara-on-the-Lake was transformed into a concert venue in preparation for a Canada Day concert with the Tragically Hip in 2012. QMI Agency Niagara photo

'He told us they need to take a bit of a break'

From Page 8

"NOTL is an amazing place and Butler's Barracks is a great place to see live music," said Lefko in an email from California.

"We put a lot of time and effort to build our relationship with the community and we value the bond we created. So onwards we go and hopefully you will see us very soon."

Jarred Picher of Parks Canada worked with Lefko and his crew on the last two events to ensure the historic property was protected and to see the events carried out with as little impact on residents and surrounding neighbourhoods as possible.

He said it isn't Parks Canada preventing a three-peat, it was completely a decision made by Lefko and AEG Live.

"He told us they need to take a bit of a break and regroup, but that they fully intend to come back."

Parks Canada's goal in partnering with AEG was to encourage young people to visit historic sites such as Butler's Barracks, and learn more about the history of their country.

That focus on attracting new crowds through innovative events will continue with a host of activities at Fort George this summer, said Picher, manager of historic sites in Niagara and field unit superintendent of Southern Ontario for Parks Canada.

Expect a Celtic Festival at Fort George this summer, with some pipe bands and celtic dancing, and a steampunk display, featuring steam-powered machinery, or machinery of the future that might have been envisioned in the past.

The fort is also planning Echos of Niagara's Past, a military timeline event, and the usual Canada Day activities, the fife and drum muster in August, and a one-day polo event organized by the Friends of Fort George.

"We have some innovative new projects designed to bring a younger urban audience to historic sites. We're still focused on that," said Picher.

"We're continuing to try to push the envelope and diversify the experiences we offer, hoping that young people will connect with our properties in ways they want to be connected."

Lord Mayor Dave Eke was surprised to hear there wasn't going to be a major concert this summer. He said when he last spoke with Picher, they talked about the success of last year's concert and a few ways parking could be improved for this year.

He said a series of smaller concerts or events at Fort George seems a fitting way to bring people to town over the course of the season, and if there is to be another concert of the scope of the last two, he would prefer to see it earlier in the season, when there could be more of an economic benefit to the town, rather than tied to Canada Day when local hotels and restaurants are already fully booked.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Facilities Permitted under the Federal Government's Marihuana for Medical Purposes Regulations (MMPR)

PROPOSED CHANGE

Consideration of definitions, provisions and permission of facilities licensed under the Federal Government's Marihuana for Medical Purposes Regulations (MMPR).

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Technical Amendments to the Comprehensive Zoning By-law By-law No. 4316-09, as amended

PROPOSED CHANGE

The proposed zoning by-law amendment is to undertake general technical amendments to the New Comprehensive Zoning By-law 4316-09, as amended that are administrative changes, provide for corrections to typographical errors and correct omissions in both the text and schedules. The proposed changes are minor in nature and will not change the purpose and intent of the Zoning By-law.

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Red Roof Retreat looking for electronics to recycle

Scrap metal added to list of materials accepted

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

After collecting five big bins of electronics to recycle last fall, Steffanie Bjorgan of Red Roof Retreat is hoping there are still some relics to be cleaned out this spring that can go to support Red Roof Retreat.

She's hopeful she can reach her target with the addition of scrap metal to the list of recycling materials that can be accepted.

With support again from Clare's Harley-Davidson on York Road, old TVs, computers and monitors, audio and video players, copiers and fax machines, cell phones, answering machines and more can be dropped off Saturday, May 24 to raise money for Red Roof, which will be paid by weight for the electronics collected.

The bins will be there from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and there will be high school students on had to help out.

She's been doing this as a fundraiser for the last four years, and hopes to collect $2,000 or more to help offset operational costs for Red Roof, which provides programs and respite care for children and young adults with special needs.

Bjorgan says she hopes there may be businesses or schools which may have replaced computer equipment and are ready to get rid of their old electronics.

For a full list of accepted materials visit www.redroofretreat.com.

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Station Open House and BBQ	**Monday, May 26, 5 - 7 p.m.** 176 Wellington St., Niagara-on-the-Lake
	Tuesday, May 27, 5 - 7 p.m. 139 Ontario St., St. Catharines
	Wednesday, May 28, 5 - 7 p.m. Pelham Station, 177 Hwy 20 West Rear Building, Pelham
Meet your EMS professional	**Tuesday, May 27, 10 - 11 a.m.** (Circle Time) Ontario Early Years Centre, 25 YMCA Drive, St. Catharines *For children birth to six years of age only
Niagara Falls Illumination	**Thursday, May 29** Illumination at 9 and 10 p.m. in orange, blue, red, and green to celebrate emergency services and military
Meet and Greet	**Saturday, May 31, 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.** Market Square, 91 King St., St. Catharines

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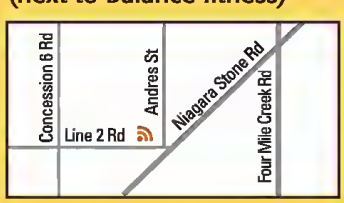

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Scrap–tire take–back keeps rolling along

Caughill Auto Wreckers participating in annual benefit for children with life threatening illnesses

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

For one week, we can get rid of any scrap tires we might have littering our garage or yard, and by doing so help make dreams come true for children with life-threatening illnesses.

Caughill Auto Wreckers is participating in the fourth annual scrap-tire take-back, to benefit the Sunshine Foundation, the only Canadian charity to provide individual dreams to children with severe physical disabilities or life-threatening illnesses.

Last year auto wreckers raised $175,000 in the tire recycling blitz organized by the Ontario Tire Stewardship and the Ontario Automotive Recyclers Association, for the Sunshine Foundation of Canada, a charitable organization that makes dreams come true for children with severe physical disabilities or life-threatening illnesses.

Also, more than 58,000 tires were collected last year's Tire Take Back campaign across Ontario, to be recycled properly and safely.

There is no cost to the consumer for dropping off tires, and the auto wrecker and Emterra Waste Management give up their fees for collecting and picking up the used tires.

Although the number of used tires has dried up a little since the first year — proof that the program works, says Wally Dingman of Caughill Wreckers — he still has farmers who have put off cleaning up their yard bringing in what they've collected over years of farming.

He had one call him recently and ask if he could drop off 10 tires — the limit is usually four, but the beauty of the program is the amnesty on rules and regulations in effect the rest of the year, says Dingman.

When the farmer showed up, he had 50 tires of varying types and sizes he'd cleaned up, says Dingman.

"There are still people out there who hear about the event and decide to clean up the yard," he says. "That's good for the program and good for the Sunshine Foundation."

The tires that are collected can be reused, recycled into new, green products or disposed of in an environmentally responsible way, rather than illegally dumped.

Tires can be used to create roofing material, rubber mats, playground products, hockey rinks and automotive parts.

And this year there's a friendly competition to get the tires rolling. The collection site that brings in the most tires will be awarded $15,000 worth of sustainable, recycled tire products for a local, non-profit project.

Submitted photo

Wally Dingman of Caughill Wreckers is participating in the fourth annual scrap-tire take-back program.

Tires can be dropped off at Caughill's, 256 East and West Line, between May 26 and May 21, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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Wyn Kalagian's art work helps families in Guatemala acquire vented stoves, saving them from a lifetime of respiratory illness and early death.

Paintings warming hearts in Guatemala

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Wyn Kalagian sold 23 paintings at a recent Niagara Pumphouse art show.

And now, thanks to her art work, another 15 families in Guatemala have vented stoves, saving them from a lifetime of respiratory illness and early death.

Just as important, those who saw her work, including more than 100 people who attended the opening, heard the story she tells through her work.

And when she sells one of her vibrant acrylic paintings, most often of Guatemalan women in their colourful dresses and the beautiful landscape of their country, the story goes with it, and is passed on to those who see it, she says.

The story is about the poor, rural people of Guatemala, who cook over unvented, open fires in one-room homes. The women and children suffer lung disease from breathing toxic smoke caused by cooking three meals a day, and the kids are often burned by the open flame.

"It also causes a lot of deforestation from the amount of wood that has to be cut, and leads to mud slides and loss of homes. These vented stoves use about one-third of the wood," says Kalagian, "and extend women's lives by 10 to 12 years. It can be a family's pride and joy to have a stove vented to the outside, instead of a home with walls blackened by smoke inside."

The stoves cost about $225 each, and the families who receive them become involved. An organization based in Perth, Ont., the Guatemalan Stove Project, provides the funds to purchase supplies, and the Guatemalans help build them.

Kalagian says she paints with passion and purpose.

"I love painting, I love colours, and to have a purpose to paint is magical."

When she began painting after a trip to Guatemala, she hoped to fund 10 stoves. She's almost at 140 now.

"I keep thinking I'm going to run out of audiences, but then somebody else comes along."

She likes to think that when she sells a painting, people will see it hanging in its new home and comment on it, and then someone else gets to hear her story.

"It feels like I'm sharing my energy."

She insists anyone who buys one of her paintings gets the charitable receipt, she says.

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NOTL lawyer running provincially for Liberals

Tupman campaigning on three main issues: jobs, transportation, health care

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Lionel Tupman has known since he was a teenager he wanted a future in politics.

His dream is now one step closer to reality.

Tupman has been nominated to represent the Niagara Falls Liberals in the June provincial election.

The 26-year-old's name has been on the political radar for a few years, says riding association spokesman Ken Gansel.

Although the association tried to secure Joyce Morocco, the Liberal candidate in the February byelection, she couldn't make it happen, says Gansel.

Her job arranging business conferences will be taking her out of town for two weeks leading up to the election, making it impossible for her to run.

"So we began looking at suitable candidates, and Lionel's name came up."

Tupman, a Niagara-on-the-Lake lawyer who commutes to Toronto, was vice-president of the federal Liberal riding association. He was also a member of the Brock Young Liberals during his university days, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science, before beading to law school at the University of Ottawa, and he was a founding member of the Niagara Falls Young Liberals.

It was at Laura Secord Secondary School in St. Catharines that Tupman, heavily involved in student council, developed a drive to shape political policies, he said.

"That was when I became aware of the impact one person could have on society in a democratic system, and it became my goal to run for politics one day."

He became a lawyer, specializing in constitutional and civic law, because he saw it as the best way into politics, he said.

His studies in Ottawa "heightened my interest in pursuing social justice matters," and his current job, from which he has taken a leave of absence, put him in contact with people and businesses wronged by others, "led me to become re-involved with the Liberals and spurred me to run for politics."

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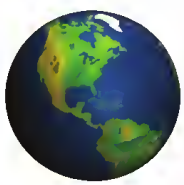
Submitted photo

Lionel Tupman, 26, has been nominated to represent the Niagara Falls Liberals in the June provincial election.



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Commuter knows firsthand the importance of transportation to region

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He was a candidate for the federal Liberal Niagara Falls riding before he accepted the provincial nomination, he says.

He is running on three main issues: jobs, transportation and health care.

"To say I am somewhat dismayed by the high unemployment in Niagara is somewhat of an understatement," he says.

"We have seen a huge increase in businesses and industry either leaving Niagara or not coming to Niagaara. If you go to Niagara Square (in Niagara Falls) you see empty storefronts. That's the canary in the coal mine."

While it's great that the new outlet mall in NOTL has brought some jobs to the area, consumerism and the retail sector cannot support the region, he says.

"It's a step in the right direction, but it's not the solution."

The solution lies in funding for skilled trades and training, he says.

"Young people are leaving Niagara in droves to get the jobs they want. That's a problem. Skilled trades and job training will keep young people in Niagara. And that meshes with Liberal policies."

As a commuter who uses the GO train to get to Toronto daily, Tupman says he knows firsthand the importance of transportation to the region.

"Anybody who has travelled south on the QEW knows Ontario does not stop at Burlington. But Niagara has been cut off. I ride the GO train every day and I see many people from Niagara taking it on a daily basis as well, but we have to drive to Burlington to do that. I don't want to live in Toronto. I love living in Niagara, I love the lifestyle. When I cross the Burlington Skyway it's a relief to me. We need the GO train to come to Niagara."

On the issue of health care, says Tupman, his priority is to get the new south Niagara hospital built, sooner rather than later, and on the approved site.

With a grandfather who grows grapes in Niagara-on-the-Lake, and years of working in the vineyard during summers and then at local wineries, Tupman says he understands the importance of agriculture, the wine industry and tourism to Niagara, all priorities for him.

"Shoring up tourism is key for Niagara."

Although Tupman hopes to be the next Niagara Falls MPP, regardless of the outcome of the election, he's in it for the long haul.

"It's a life-long dream for me. And whatever happens, you'll be seeing more of me."

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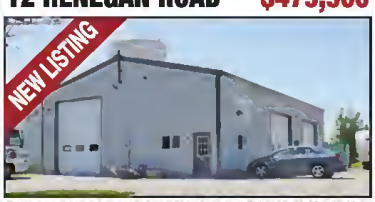

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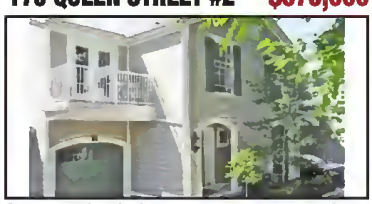

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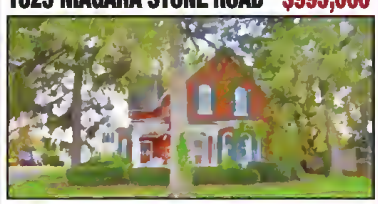

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Writers' Circle provides feedback and fun

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

It was just over a year ago that a local author launched a mission to bring writers together.

In that year, Hermine Steinberg has created the Niagara-on-the-Lake Writers' Circle, with a response that has been surprising. Expecting she might attract for or five people, she now has a core group of 30, with about a dozen showing up for monthly meetings to share their work.

The group meets at the library, and has also become involved in other community events, such as the annual library book fair, and works with other community groups.

The Writers Circle is now offering a second annual Halloween-themed writing contest, this time, says Steinberg, hoping to attract young writers.

Her goal from the beginning was to form a community where writers could support each other's creative efforts, share their work, provide constructive feedback and have some fun, but as someone who has written children's books, she wants to reach out to the younger crowd who like to write, and so a youth category has been added to the competition.

"Obviously we love to write, and all writers know the importance of reading. We are hoping to share our deep passion for reading and writing with young people, with a theme that's fun. We're quite excited about it."

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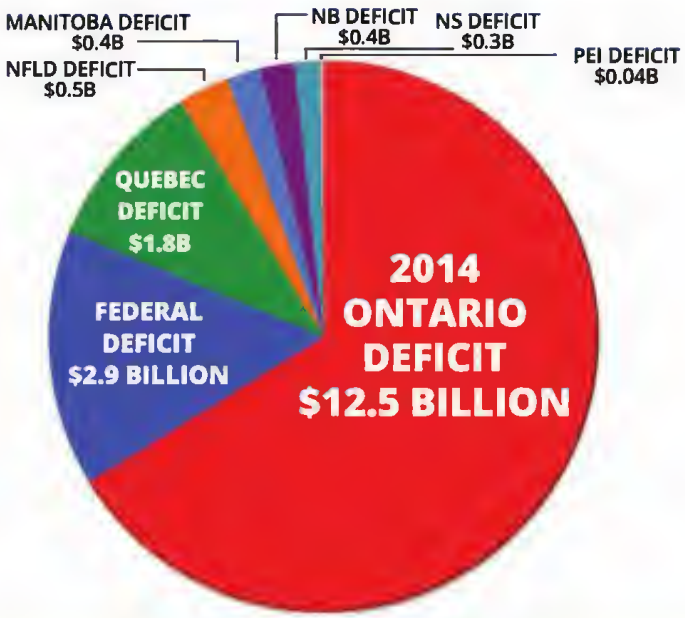
THERE'S A BIG PROBLEM WITH ONTARIO'S FINANCES



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Rising Spirits Writing Contest is now open

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The 2014 Rising Spirits Writing Contest is now open, with winning prize packages valued at more than $100 each and the opportunity to be published in the Rising Spirits Anthology.

The competition is exclusively for residents of the Niagara region.

The youth category is for young people between the ages of 14 and 18, and Niagara College is offering a scholarship for a creative writing course — a chance for writers to continue their education, says Steinberg.

"I think it's a wonderful gift."

The theme of the writing is Halloween. Winners will be acknowledged at the Rising Spirits Celebration which will be held Friday, Oct. 31 at The Cellar, The Old Winery's new event space. The deadline for entries is Sept. 15.

Contestants can submit work in the following categories — poetry, horror, mystery, fantasy, and local history, up to 2,500 words.

Entry forms and contest rules are available online at www.notlwriterscircle.com or can be picked up at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Public Library Library (10 Anderson Lane) or the Niagara Historical Museum (43 Castlereagh St.).

Penny Coles Niagara Advance
Writers' Circle member Bill Hamilton had two of his poems, Angel's Ghost and Scare Us, published in last year's Rising Spirit Anthology.

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New home an inspiration for Village Bible Church

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Pastor Herman Neufeld is seeing a childhood dream come true.

When he went to church as a youngster, he wanted his friends to go with him.

He wanted a church that would be an inclusive place that welcomed everybody, not the intimidating and austere church he attended with his family. And he finally has what he wanted.

The Village Bible Church was established by Neufeld and his wife Kathy about 15 years ago, welcoming a flock of people with mixed religious backgrounds, people who had turned away from the church.

Its services have been held in two schools and shared a Presbyterian church, but since April, Village Bible Church has had a place to call home, a brand new building on York Rd.

It has a growing congregation of 120 people, about half of them from Niagara-on-the-Lake. It has a nursery, a Sunday school, an office and meeting space that can be used by the public, not just members, for weddings, showers, receptions and community events.

Greg Alderton, a young pastor from Niagara Falls who had been a guest speaker at the Village Bible Church, has taken over so Neufeld can retire, although he's still very much a part of the church, and for the first time the church has a youth pastor, Phil Morrill.

It doesn't look like a traditional church—it isn't meant to be traditional, says Alderton. It's not intended for the suit and tie, formal kind of service that many expect from a church. There is a set of drums, a keyboard and guitars at the front of the church waiting to provide the music for Sunday's service, and all who attend are welcome. "It's a come-as-you-are place, come as the imperfect person. We're a group of imperfect people who want to worship together. Come and worship with us. We are not about tradition, we're not about rules and regulations. We're about God's love and acceptance."

Penny Coles Niagara Advance

Youth Pastor Phil Morrill, Pastor Greg Alderton and Pastor Herman Neufeld are enjoying services at their brand new Village Bible Church building, and looking forward to welcoming the community.

Why is the Village Bible Church able to afford a new building when other churches are closing or amalgamating from lack of members?

"We stay true to biblical truth. We don't stray from that. We simply do what God asks us to do. And he has allowed us to build this church. He has opened the door for us."

The success of the church is built on two premises, says Alderton.

"We haven't changed the message. It's all about Jesus. Everything points to Jesus. What we changed is the method, the way we go about delivering the message. Everyone wants to feel accepted, and they are accepted here."

The church has been built with donations, and by volunteer labour, says Neufeld.

"Everyone who could pitch in has. All the trades are represented here. That's a miracle in itself, isn't it?"

The church is holding a free community barbecue and inviting the public to visit, with their children, Saturday, May 31, fro 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at 736 York Rd.

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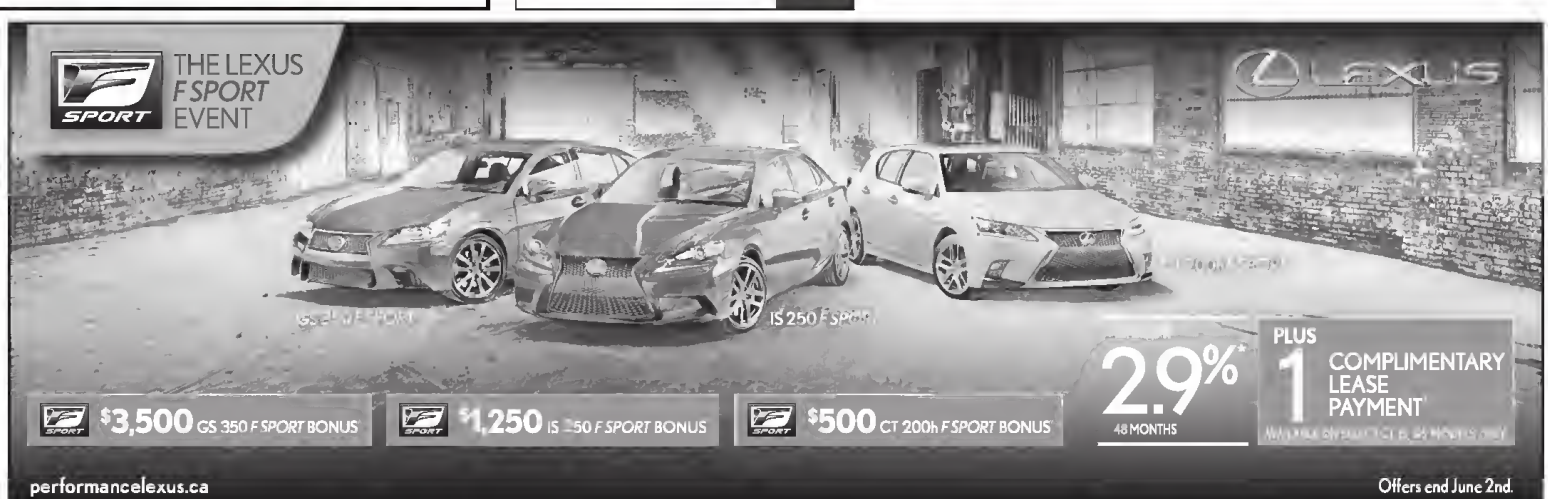

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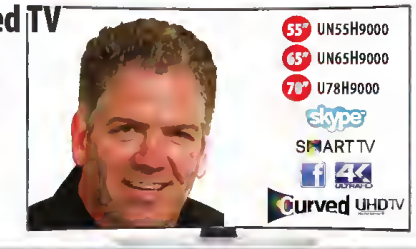

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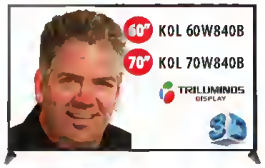

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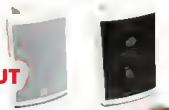

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Niagara Region committee votes to extend transit funding

Service would be extended for a year

Rob Houle
QMI Agency Niagara

Looks like Niagara Region's experiment with an inter-municipal transit system will continue for another year.

Public works committee members voted Tuesday morning to recommend council of the whole accept a staff recommendation that funding for the service be extended for a year beyond the end of the pilot project Sept. 5.

The Region initiated the inter-municipal transit pilot project in 2011. At the onset of the pilot program, the Region gave grants totalling $3.7 million to the Welland, St. Catharines and Niagara Falls transit systems for the purchase of eight buses to be used to connect those municipalities, as well as Port Colborne, Fort Erie and Thorold. The Region has provided additional funding to the transit systems on a yearly basis since the pilot program began. Should council agree with the committee, that funding will be extended -- $925,363 for September to Dec. 31 of this year, and $1,851,333 from January to Sept. 5, 2015.

Staff stressed the continuance in funding would be an interim measure in the transition from pilot program to permanent inter-municipal transit system.

The only councillors on the committee who voted against the recommendation were Selina Volpatti of Niagara Falls and Andy Petrowski of St. Catharines. Both said they were supporters of an inter-municipal transit system, but did not believe the Region should run it.

Petrowski and Volpatti do not want to see the Region get in the bus business. They favour Niagara's three transit systems running the system, with funding from the Region, or contracting out the service to a private operator.

"I support transit, but I don't support this version and that's why I won't support continuing with what I consider not the best program," Petrowski said. "We have to push this back to the municipalities, they're the experts in this, let them run this."

Volpatti said: "I certainly support a transit system throughout the region "¦ what I don't support is a failed attempt by the Region to provide it."

Regional Chairman Gary Burroughs stressed an extension of the funding was not a vote to have the Region run an inter-municipal system in the future.

"Transit to all our communities is going to look different," Burroughs said. "I don't think we (the Region) should be doing it. I think we're going to move away from that, and maybe it's the three (municipal transit systems) that we currently have. Maybe it isn't, maybe it's straight private sector."

Burroughs said a decision on which way to go will be decided by council, but continuing the service another year will allow for that discussion.

Lincoln Mayor Bill Hodgson said the Region needs to stick with the service for at least another year while it is fleshed out further, but cautioned "we need to move away from funding this type of service on the levy as a grant" because some communities would be paying for a service they don't receive. He said a fair and equitable system would see communities pay for the level of service they receive.

"In any case, this isn't the time to abandon this service that is growing," Hodgson said.

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'It's going to redefine the outlet–shopping experience in Canada'

Don Fraser
QMI Agency Niagara

It cost $178 million to build.

Its 102 retailers and 520,000 square feet of space make it Canada's largest open-air outlet shopping centre.

The Outlet Collection at Niagara will generate 1,500 jobs and pump millions into the local economy each year in taxes and tourism dollars.

These were some of the big figures cited by speakers at last Thursday's official opening of the Niagara-on-the-Lake retail campus on Taylor Rd.

"It's going to redefine the outlet-shopping experience in Canada, and nothing less than that," said Daniel Fournier, chairman and CEO of mall owner Ivanhoe Cambridge.

"This is our vision of what a modern shopping centre should be, in every sense," he said. "It is an experience, a destination and it has been built for the community "¦ to celebrate and promote local culture, the wine industry, and tourism."

"And it sets the bar very high in customer convenience and service. We are very happy to be here."

Niagara-on-the-Lake Lord Mayor David Eke and Niagara Region chair Gary Burroughs were other speakers at the morning kickoff, which came with break-dancers, dry ice and an explosion of blue-and-white ticker tape.

Burroughs described the opening as a "great day for Niagara."

"This is going to be a new name that will be known throughout Canada," Burroughs said.

"It's been a significant accomplishment to watch as this collection of retail giants rose from a vast vacant parcel of land "¦ to the unique outdoor space we see now," said Burroughs, adding the investment will attract new visitors who could stay longer here.

Eke, recalling the 2010 municipal campaign, described the Glendale-area land and its economic possibilities "my field of dreams."

"It was where I was looking to develop, provide jobs and a higher tax base for our community and Niagara."

The mayor said his "prayers were answered" with a phone call to the town's chief administrative officer Mike Galloway from David Baffa, an Ivanhoe vice-president.

"We created a great partnership that has continued from Day 1," Eke said.

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The Outlet Collection at Niagara, the biggest open air outlet mall in Canada opened in NOTL. The stores located off the QEW were busy with deal hungry shoppers and the parking lot was packed.

With a 10:15 a.m. announcement "attention shoppers, the mall is officially open," hundreds streamed into the racetrack-like centre, with its wide, partly canopy-sheltered concourses.

"It's so convenient, it's a great concept and there seems to be something for everyone," said Jess Little, a Thorold mother of three and opening day Outlet Collection visitor. "It's also got a lot of kids stores, which is huge for me."

As she spoke, workers outside the doors of some stores beckoned shoppers to check out their offerings. "You've gotta come in," they hollered. "We've got great deals!"

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Thanks to some generous donations of beautiful new and gently-used clothing, much of it designer fashions, St. Mark's Church is holding a Wine and Wears and More evening, an opportunity to shop, nibble on refreshments, have a glass of wine and enjoy a social evening with friends.

Addison Hall will be decked out with clothing, accessories, shoes, bags and hats, with some wonderful jewelry, new and used.

Fashions include items from casual to formal, dresses, pants, jackets, winter coats and includes beautiful Marina Renaldi larger size clothing, and well-known designer clothing including a gorgeous fringes leather and suede jacket, says organizer Trudi Watson.

Vintage clothing includes an Ungaro size 12 navy blazer, Yves St. Laurent suits, an Escada pant suit, a three-piece Sonia Rykiel suit, a Burberry trenchcoat, and the most elegant and beautiful Irish Lace shawl.

Accessories include bags, belts, hats, scarves, shawls, and some designer purses by Marc Andrew, Dooney & Burke and Frye.

There is also a selection of nearly new shoes including London Fly, new Aquatalia size 9 boots, Lipstick Red Stuart Weisman shoes and many more, says Watson.

The Treasure Room features beautiful jewelry, silver, glass ware, and giftware, including a very rare Beswick German Shepherd Dog ornament and a silver platter for meat and vegetables.

The sale is expanding this year to include garden furniture, bird baths, a trellis, decorative pieces for the garden, urns, a good assortment of perennials and some geraniums

Wine and Wears is a spin-off of the St. Mark's Cherry Festival "Sunday Best," a good-quality donated clothing sale, but better, and with so much more.

It's a place to gather, to enjoy a social evening, to raise some funds, and a chance to buy something really nice without spending a fortune, says Watson.And there's no sales tax, she adds.

There will be fitting areas to try on clothes, while nibbling and enjoying a glass of wine, says Watson.

"It's a dream of an evening for women."

The event runs from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, May 30, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

It will also be open Saturday, May 31 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., without the refreshments and wine

Tickets are $10, and proceeds will go to the St. Mark's Historic Property Fund.

Tickets are available at St. Mark's Parish Hall, or call Watson at 905-468-3314.

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Marineland opens season with activists calling for move away from animal shows

Ray Spiteri
QMI Agency Niagara

As animal-rights activists continue to push for an end to the animal program at Marineland, the Niagara Falls theme park says another surprise inspection by the OSPCA has once again proven its animals are doing well.

"We are not saying shut Marineland down. I think that we have to be realistic here. What we would like to see is an end to the animal program here at this park, phasing out the dolphin and whale captivity, as well as the other animals," said Niagara resident Mike Garrett.

"(Marineland owner) John Holer has a business to run, there are people employed here, we understand that. We want to support this park in a way that they do not rely on animals for profit, so if they commit to ending the animal program here, we'll commit to work with them."

Garrett organized a Save Smooshi demonstration outside the Portage Rd. amusement and animal exhibition park Saturday.

Smooshi is a walrus at Marineland that was once trained by former employee Phil Demers.

Marineland opened its gates for its 53rd season this past weekend, and as has become a long-standing tradition, a large crowd of protesters were positioned in front of the park. They greeted visitors with signs and chants in an effort to convince them to turn away.

A large group of protesters marched to Marineland from Stanley Ave. and Hwy. 420.

Protests at Marineland have been going on for decades. But Garrett said with social media and popular documentaries such as Blackfish receiving mainstream attention, the public is becoming more interested in, and passionate about, animal-rights issues around the world.

"We can mobilize a lot more people than we used to. And this is happening, not just here, but at captive facilities around the world, whether it's Vancouver Aquarium, whether it's Sea World, whether it's the act of capturing these animals in the wild over in Russia, the pressure is going to be mounting on all of these things to stop."

Marineland said it is looking forward to another successful season, where hundreds of thousands of children and their parents will visit and enjoy all that the park has to offer.

Marineland said the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals sent zoo inspectors to conduct a surprise inspection Thursday.

The three-member zoo inspection team were provided "full access" to all of the animals cared for at Marineland and conducted a "thorough and professional inspection," the park said in a statement.

"Marineland is pleased to report that no issues of concern were identified and the inspection was successful.

"Over seven hundred people from our local community are employed at Marineland throughout the season. They take great pride and care in the care and treatment of our wonderful animals. The results of this inspection are due to their hard work and tireless commitment to animal care."

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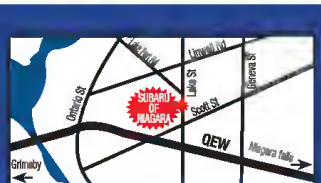

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Long–lost crowd–pleaser finds new life at Shaw

The Charity That Began at Home ignored for 85 years

John Law
QMI Agency Niagara

When the Shaw Festival dipped its toes in the work of forgotten English playwright St. John Hankin in 2001, director Christopher Newton wasn't sure what to make of him.

Audiences did — they loved him. So much so, The Return of The Prodigal returned the next season.

Newton directed another Hankin gem in 2007, The Cassilis Engagement. Another hit.

Going for the hat trick, Newton is back directing this year's The Charity That Began at Home, a Hankin play which went ignored for 85 years after it closed in Birmingham, England in 1917. It made its Shaw premiere recently, and the reclamation project bas found another obscure crowdpleaser.

The joy, as always, is watching Hankin's characters teeter between noble and nasty. You get the sense they'll only find redemption after being appallingly awful to each other. This one, subtitled A Comedy for Philanthropists, finds a group of insufferable people gathered in the home of cheerful Lady Denison (Fiona Reid) and her perky daughter Margery (Julia Course). There's the blowhard general

Shaw Festival photo
Fiona Reid as Lady Denison and Julie Course as Margery in the Charity that Began at Home.

(Jim Mezon), the crass German teacher (Sharry Flett), the prudish old crank (Donna Belleville) and others. They aren't family, they don't like each other"¦why are they here?

Turns out they're a social experiment. Lady Dennison has been convinced by her friend Basil (Graeme Somerville) that inviting undesirables into your home is a form of true charity. Anyone can invite friends — a truly decent person opens the door to the intolerable.

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Shaw Festival photo

Neil Barclay as Mr. Firket in The Charity That Began at Home.

Shaw called called playwright's death a 'public calamity'

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Take a guess how that works out.

Reid, making a welcome return to Shaw, is superb here as a woman unsure just what she's doing, but confident it's the right thing. Even as her house is overrun by rude, annoying people, she plays the stoic host — best enjoyed in a hilarious, slow-burn scene where she wants to fire her louse of a butler but the words refuse to come out.

Things take an unsettling turn when her daughter accepts a marriage proposal from one of her shady guests, played with sneaky charm by Martin Happer. That's when her terse sister-in-law, played with maximum spite by Laurie Paton, calls for an end to this madness.

When told "all reform has an element of danger," she simply responds "Then why reform?"

What starts as a comedy of ethics becomes something much darker as real emotions get involved. Even a bad person doing the right thing has repercussions in Hankin's play, and there's no clear path to a happy ending. These were clearly issues which went beyond the page for him — just three years after writing this play, Hankin drowned himself. Bernard Shaw, a huge fan, called his death "a public calamity" and that his comedies were "a stirring and important criticism of life."

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Seasonal GO trains return to Falls for a fifth year

Operated this past Victoria Day long weekend

Ray Spiteri
QMI Agency Niagara

"What? You don't? It's Niagara Falls!"

That was the reaction from Trae Johnson, a 22-year-old Toronto resident, when he was told Niagara does not have year-round GO train service.

Johnson came to the Honeymoon Capital on a Greyhound bus with his girlfriend and returned home Saturday morning on one of the seasonal GO trains offered at the Bridge St. station.

They missed an earlier bus and took the 8:30 a.m. GO train back to Toronto.

"It's a really big surprise to me because this is something that people could use every day (for) work purposes, family, friends," said Johnson. "It's something that I feel everybody should have all-year round."

Johnson said he couldn't imagine life without the GO train in Toronto.

"I use it quite often because it's reliable — when they say they're going to be there, they're there. It's convenient, it's not too expensive, they make it kind of affordable for everybody.

"I'd say Niagara Falls needs it."

Joann Trickett and her son, Eryk, boarded the first of two Saturday GO trains from Niagara Falls to Union Station in Toronto to visit family.

"My sister lives in Toronto "¦ and now that the Gardiner (Expressway) is under construction "¦ it's just much easier and I hate driving in Toronto," said Eryk, 22, of Niagara Falls.

Eryk and his mother said they support the efforts of Niagara's 12 mayors, as well as other community leaders, who continue to push the provincial government to expand GO train service in the region.

"We're so close to Toronto and to the GTA, so many people would benefit. We have two relatives that live in Toronto, let alone other parts of the GTA that would be accessible by the GO train. It would just make things so much easier."

Trickett paid $20.65 for a single fare ticket.

She said while it's more personal for her family, having regular GO train service would provide more economic and entertainment options for people.

"For people like myself and my mom who just want to go and visit my daughter and spend the day in Toronto shopping -- I also have my sister who lives there, so for us it's very personal. We want to go and visit family.

"But it would also mean easier access to Toronto to more nightlife for the young kids. Without having to drink and drive, they can get there, they can have fun "¦ know they have a safe ride home."

She said it would make sporting events more accessible to Niagarans.

"It takes you to the heart of the city without having to pay for parking. When you get down to Union, it's just a quick walk and we love (Toronto) Blue Jays games."

Niagara Falls resident Donna Ksiezopolski took the 8:30 a.m. train, which made stops in St. Catharines, Burlington, Oakville, Port Credit and Exhibition before ending at Union, to visit her mother, who lives in a long-term care home in Toronto.

"It's faster to to go to Toronto. You could go from Niagara Falls to Union and then just take the subway," she said. "We do need it year round. Why should we be any different."

Seasonal GO trains between Niagara and Toronto are back for a fifth year.

The service operated this past Victoria Day long weekend through Monday. It will return Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from June 27 until Sept. 1, and Thanksgiving weekend, Oct. 10-13.

Propagation Ban and Sampling of Plants Susceptible to Plum Pox Virus

Between May and October 2014, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) will be inspecting selected rural and residential properties in the Niagara Region, to sample susceptible trees for the Plum Pox Virus and/or to verify compliance with the propagation ban that is in place. This means that property owners may see CFIA inspectors on their property.

The Niagara Region is currently under federal quarantine. Regulations are in place to prevent the spread of plum pox virus outside of the quarantine area. Plum Pox Virus is a serious plant disease that threatens Canada's stone fruit industry. It does not affect human or animal health.

Plants that are susceptible to the virus include apricot, nectarine, peach and, plum trees, and some ornamental shrubs such as purpleleaf sandcherry.

A ban on propagation is in place. This ban prohibits anyone in the Niagara quarantine area from producing trees and plants that are susceptible to the virus. This includes producing trees and plants from seed, cuttings, grafting or any other method.

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World's tallest flower about to bloom at Floral Showhouse

Ray Spiteri
QMI Agency Niagara

The world's tallest flower is set to once again bloom at the Niagara Parks Commission's Floral Showhouse within the next week or so.

The Amorphophallus titanum, or titan arum, is a massive bell-shaped flower, growing up to three metres in height. The flower is also known for its unique smell.

After flowering, a single leaf emerges in place of the blossom, which is the size of a small tree, standing up to six metres tall and five metres wide.

According to the parks commission, seeing the flower bloom is exceedingly rare. Until 1989, only 21 flowerings were recorded to have occurred in botanical gardens around the world.

The plant is currently on display, and in the leaf stage, at the showhouse, which is located just south of the Horseshoe Falls, at 7145 Niagara Pkwy. It is open daily from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The parks commission saw two blooms open in 2012, which were part of a donation by Louis Ricciardiello, of Gilford, New Hampshire. Once open, the bloom is expected to last less than two days.

"Originally, where they grew was in Sumatra, just north of Australia and at that time they had gold mining in the 1800s and it wiped them out completely," said James Black, who works at the showhouse.

"Some of the seeds were taken to the botanical gardens in London, England and that's where they grew them."

Black said the plant, as of Sunday, is about seven or eight days away from flowering.

"Our people here, the growers, actually got seeds growing, so we've gone from 30 in the world, now they have more than 60 in the back, as little seedlings, so we've actually done some rather amazing things," he said.

Black said when a person in California found out the showhouse had its first flower, he came to Niagara Falls that afternoon to see it.

"That's how significant it is in the plant world."

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Momentum Choir ready for year–end concert

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NOTL resident Ian Ross, third from the left with his father William Ross (second from left) at his side, heads to a concert performance with his friends and fellow singers in Momentum Choir, ready to inspire audiences Sunday, May 25 at 3 p.m. and Wednesday, May 28 at 7 p.m. at Bethany Community Church.

Randy Klaasen
Special to the Advance

Momentum Choir of musicians with special needs will be in concert Sunday, May 25 and Wednesday May 28

Niagara-on-the-Lake resident Ian Ross loves to sing and that joy will be amplified by 50 voices when he performs with Momentum Choir in two year-end concerts this month.

Momentum Choir is a group of 50 singers with developmental disabilities.

Ian began singing with the Momentum Choir 4 or five years ago when his parent's encouraged him to join. Ian's father, William Ross, said, "It took some convincing for Ian to attend because he is naturally shy. After a while Ian began to find his place with the group of other singers. He is still a bit sby, but singing in the choir seems to dissolve that."

One of Ian's early challenges of participating in the choir was to accept the dress code for choir concerts, consisting of a white shirt, black tie and black pants.

He would much rather prefer to stay in his comfortable blue jeans and T-shirt, which he can wear to rehearsals.

"Tuesday rehearsals and concerts are all he waits for" said his father. "However, the concert dress is part of building self-confidence, which allows singers to 'shine on stage.'"

William Ross credits Mendelt Hoekstra, Momentum executive and artistic director, with his supportive approach to directing as a means of building self-confidence in choir members. "As a director Mendelt is wonderful to watch, and a master musician" said Ross.

Mendelt Hoekstra commented that, "Ian works hard on learning and perfecting the songs. He enjoys the friendships he has developed at Momentum and is a valuable member of this inspirational choir."

Parents of children, and especially adult children, at times find it difficult to find appropriate venues for social activity for their children. The concern is that shyness often leads to social isolation. Ian has found places of belonging at the Special Olympic Bowling in Port Dalhousie and at the Orchard Park Church, Niagara Eagles. His participation with the Momentum Choir has helped him to be able to stand on stage in front of an audience who appreciate his talents. It's not just about a social outing, but the feeling of belonging to a group and contributing to the community in a meaningful way.

Momentum Choir is ready to shake some creative foundations with their year-end concert, "Building Momentum" which will be on Sunday, May 25 at 3 p.m. and Wednesday, May 28 at 7 p.m. at Bethany Community Church, 1388 Third Street Louth, St. Catharines.

The choir's goal is to offer a musical experience for special needs singers and to give them opportunity to belong, to socialize and to perform, with weekly practices and several performances each season.

Concert tickets are $10 per person, or $25 per family or group home. Tickets are available at the door or online at http://www.eventbrite.com/"www.eventbrite.com, search "Momentum Choir."

For more information contact mailto:mendelt@momentumchoir.ca"mendelt@momentumchoir.ca

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Momentum Choir member, Ian Ross, prefers his T-shirt and blue jeans, yet when it comes concert time will dress up to be on stage.

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Woman rescued after falling into hole — at 4:30 a.m.

Police found her via cellphone as she stayed on the line

Don Fraser
QMI Agency Niagara

A woman was rescued after falling into a hole in the ground in Jaycee Park in St. Catharines early Sunday.

Police and emergency crews arrived at about 4:30 a.m. They found the woman via her cellphone as she stayed on the line.

Niagara Regional Police acting Staff Sgt. Josie Hollingshead said the woman entered into the park when it was closed and locked.

"She went beyond where she should have been, and it was not open access," Hollingshead said. "She would have had to enter the park in a different manner than how the general public would walk in."

She said the woman — who was from Toronto — became lost after she made her way into the park.

The woman fell into a hole near the breakwall between the park and Martindale Pond. The hole was about 1.8 metres deep and just wide enough to fit her.

The area is not normally traversed by parkgoers.

"This is definitely not a danger to the public," Hollingshead said.

She said the woman's larger size meant she needed fire department assistance to get out of the hole.

Niagara Emergency Medical Services reported after she was freed, she was taken to hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

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Grimsby couple saves teen in Lake Ontario

Youth taken to West Lincoln Memorial Hospital, suffering from exposure

Don Fraser
QMI Agency Niagara

Marlene Hart had a feeling something would go wrong. And her instinct likely saved a teen's life.

On Sunday afternoon, she and her husband Don Hart were outside doing chores at their Grimsby shoreline home when Marlene noticed a young boater offshore.

The couple was troubled by the boat's small size and that it wasn't handling the waves.

"I just knew something was going to happen," said Marlene, 58. "I had an eerie feeling, 'This doesn't look good, I really don't like this.'

"It was a man-made boat and he didn't have a life jacket on."

Their swift reaction set in motion events that may well have saved the youth from drowning.

Niagara Regional Police Sgt. Les Vuyk said a male, 17, built a small one-seat watercraft using plans be found on the Internet. He set out for a paddle without wearing a preserver or personal floatation device, with his brother remaining on shore.

According to an NRP release, the boat was caught in a current.

It began drifting east into the lake in rough water.

The Harts say the youth later told them there was a hole in the bottom of his craft and it was sinking. That likely prompted him to bail out and try to swim to shore.

The young boater was noticed by the Cheval Dr. couple when he was about 500 metres onto Lake Ontario.

"All I could hear was 'Help! Help!' I lifted my head and he was in the water," said Marlene.

Sbe called 911, hurriedly asked for assistance and gave responders the address.

Wearing only swimming trunks and a red shirt, the youth started to swim ashore but the current was too strong.

Marlene's husband grabbed his kayak and paddled out to the youth. Marlene was also in the water with an extra life jacket.

> **"I just knew something was going to happen. I had an eerie feeling, 'This doesn't look good, I really don't like this.' It was a man–made boat and he didn't have a life jacket on."**
> *— Marlene Hart*

"It was a two-partner effort," she said.

"Your adrenaline kicks in," added her husband. "Someone's in trouble and you just help."

Don reached the teen first in his kayak, gave him the jacket and a rope. The teen hung onto the back of the kayak.

"My husband and I told the young man, 'Get on your back, keep your feet up and float "¦ keep breathing and float,'" said Marlene.

Police say while the teen remained coherent through the ordeal, he was struggling.

Marlene waded back to shore to assist the exhausted youth. He was helped from the water at a nearby property, where he could be lifted out.

The youth's brother — who the couple say attempted a rescue but had to return to shore due to frigid water — was also present during the ordeal.

"My husband got the young man in the water to lay on retaining wall rocks, and I (brought the emergency workers) to him "¦ be was a little bit distraught," said Marlene.

"He was in shock, I don't think he had very mucb to say," said Marlene. "He was just beside himself."

On shore, the youth was treated by paramedics and taken to West Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Grimsby to be treated for exposure.

Sgt. Vuyk said the water temperature is around 6°C and the teen was probably in the water for 10 minutes.

He was blunt in crediting the Harts for their effort.

"Frankly, I think they probably saved his life," he said.

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Andrew Werstroh won his first go-karting race of the season at Merrittville Speedway.

Werstroh starts season with visit to victory lane

When the Merrittville Speedway's go karting finally got underway after a long winter, Andrew Werstroh celebrated the start of the season with a visit to victory lane.

After finishing third in the first heat he came into the pits with a loose bandling kart, with help from his crew was able to tighten it up for the second heat and was able to come in first.

Setting him up with a good starting spot for the feature, Werstroh, a 12-year-old competing against drivers up to 15 years old, started outside pole. He fell back to third early on, but by lap five of the 15-lap feature he moved into second about six kart lengths behind the leader.

By lap eight he was right on his bumper and with a beautiful bump and run pass coming out of turn two he was able to take the lead and pull away to finish first with almost a full second advantage.

He was able to impress three of his sponsors United Motor Collision, Ram Construction and Billy Bones BBQ, who were all in attendance to see him perform in the upper division where he is once again a rookie in the class.

Werstroh hopes to build confidence with this win and stay up front all season, which continues through September with racing every Tuesday at Merrittville Speedway.

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LAWSON, Gordon Bruce
Age 67 of Niagara-on-the-Lake, passed away on May 8, 2014. Gordon worked as the Props Buyer for the Shaw Festival Theatre for 26 years, a career which he treasured. In addition to his work at the Shaw, Gordon also taught photography at Niagara College. Gord will be remembered by all he knew as an extraordinary artist, designer, craftsman, film maker, classic car restorer and speed demon. To those with whom he was closest, he will be remembered as a steady, kind father, unique and wonderful brother, sweet and hilarious uncle and a comforting and trusted friend. Gordon is survived by his daughter, Emma Parrish, brother Lawrence Ross Lawson (wife Beverly), nephew Matthew Lawson, nieces Ginger (Bryan) Berndt and Annie (Christian), Araguas and hundreds of friends with whom he has shared a life of happiness. A Celebration of Life will be held in a Niagara-on-the-Lake location at a later date to be determined. Interment will be private.

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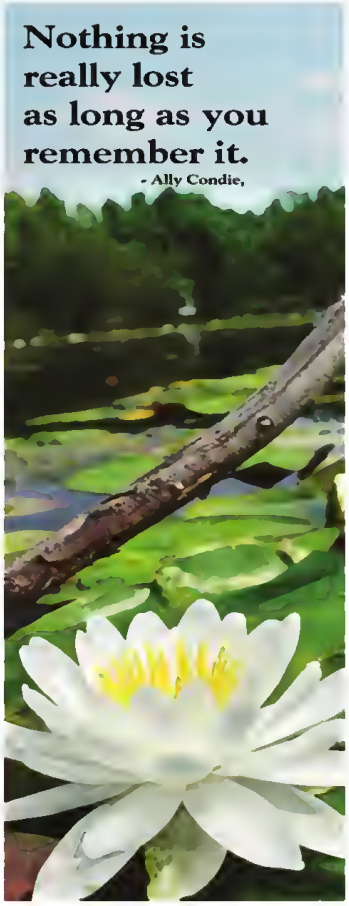

Sports

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Thunderhawks continue winning streak

Junior lacrosse club has won four in a row, sits in second place in division

The Niagara-on-the-Lake junior B Thunderhawks Lacrosse Club have reeled off four wins in a row to solidify second place in the tough Southwest division.

With only two losses this season (both to the 2013 Canadian champion Six Nations Rebels) the team has excelled with six wins.

In recent home action the Thunderhawks defeated the Welland Generals by a score of 12-6. Down 6-4 midway through the second period the T-Hawks rallied for eight straight goals with goalkeeper Keelan Buis shutting the door the rest of the way.

Brennan Ferguson and Zac Dubuc led all scorers with five points apiece. Thunderhawks leading goal scorer Austin Wright kept up his torrid pace with three goals and an assist. Curtis Printup chipped in two goals with two helpers. Ben Austin, Cole Petrie, Zach Luis, and Max Antone each tallied a goal in the victory.

The team travelled to Sarnia last Saturday to play the Point Edward Pacers. In a close affair the teams traded goals for a 3-3 after one period. The T-Hawks turned it up a notch in the second and left with a 9-6 lead. The third period was uneventful with Niagara holding on for a 12-8 win.

Newly signed player, Brad Thomas had four goals and two assists winning many key face-offs. Austin Wright was the set-up man with six assists. Robert McMicking turned the trick scoring three goals and adding an assist. Luke Petrie, just back from injury, added three helpers. Connor Overstrom, Ben Austin, Petrie, Luis and Printup each added a goal.

Two weeks ago, the Thunderhawks recorded a dramatic 12-11 win against the undefeated Windsor Clippers is expected to be a turning point for the young Thunderhawks team. Down 4 – 0 just six minutes into the game, the T-Hawks dug deep and scored six straight unanswered goals coming out of the first period with a 6-5 lead.

The back and forth action continued through the second period with Niagara up 12-10. With 22 total goals scored in the two periods, it was each team's defence that shone in the third period. Windsor scored the lone goal in the third period with 7:30 minutes left in the game to give the Thunderhawks their one-goal win.

Printup led all goal scorers with four goals; Austin Wright and Dana Ray each chipped in two.

With singles going to Ryan Wagner, McMicking, Luis (His first as a junior B player) and Blade Garlow. Antone had four assists.

Less than 24 hours later the Niagara team was back on the floor for a Sunday matinee against the Owen Sound North Stars.

The T-Hawks again started slow down 2-0 with less than a minute gone in the first period. Slowly the team transitioned the play coming out of the first period with a 7-4 lead.

The second period was one of the best the Thunderhawks have had this season, outscoring the North Stars 8 - 3 to take a 15-7 lead into the third period. With the game out of hand, the Owen Sound squad engaged the T-Hawks in a good old fashioned line brawl.

Each team lost four players for the game and the chippy affair concluded with Niagara winning 16-7. Scoring for the T-Hawks were Austin Wright with three goals and two assists, Luis with three goals, Zac Dubuc with two goals and three assists.

Printup earned two goals, with Blade Garlow, NickSnow, Antone, Wagner, Derek Merza and Kyle Whalen all scoring singles.

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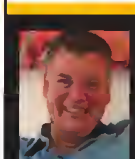
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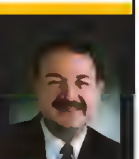
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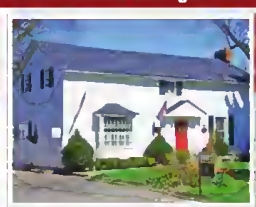
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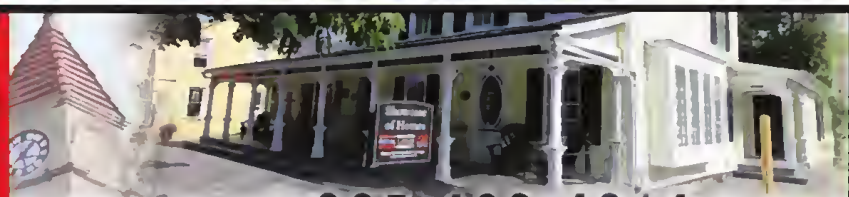

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